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Identical letters dated 27 February 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to draw attention to the following:

It has become apparent to all that certain foreign parties are deliberately and openly fabricating charges that the Syrian authorities are responsible for all the killings and acts of violence that are being perpetrated by armed terrorist groups in Syria. Those parties are feverishly and hysterically competing among themselves to level blindly such charges, without offering any credible information or facts and pre-empting the results of investigations, in order to carry out their plans, which are aimed at undermining Syria's stability and security, by providing the above-mentioned groups with arms and money, as well as media and political cover, including in international forums, for their terrorist actions, which are indiscriminately directed against civilians and military personnel as well as public and private institutions. The Syrian authorities, meanwhile, have been doing everything required to discover the facts surrounding those terrorist acts by conducting credible investigations based on verified information and diligent follow-up. Nonetheless, the same foreign parties are ignoring the results of those national investigations and keeping them from the media and political circles, in order to ensure that the world does not hear the truth.

In that connection, we are surprised to hear such deceptive charges being made in the chamber of the Security Council, which is responsible for maintaining international peace and security under the Charter of the United Nations. This includes the statement made by the Prime Minister of Qatar at the Council's meeting of 31 January 2012, in which he claimed, inter alia, that the Syrian authorities had killed Ibrahim Qaqush, saying that oppression has reached unimaginable proportions when the throats of those who chant slogans are slashed, as was the case with Ibrahim Qaqush. In that connection, we would like to point out the following:

Investigations conducted by the competent Syrian authorities into the killing of Ibrahim Qaqush (father's name: Walid; mother's name: Wahbiyyah; place of birth: north Hama; date of birth: 1982) revealed that Bashar Saraqibi (father's name: Hassan; mother's name: Nadirah; place of birth: Bab al-Jisr, Hama; date of birth: 1973) and Hisham Abdulqadir (father's name: Abdulqadir; mother's name: Su'ad; place of birth: Bab al-Jisr, Hama; date of birth: 1972) are complicit in the killing of Qaqush. The criminal Saraqibi confessed that another criminal, Ahmad Musa

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Taybani, had asked him to kill Qaqush because the latter was an informant for the security agencies. Saraqibi added that he and Abdulqadir, acting on the orders of Taybani and fearing his power, murdered Qaqush in the Bab al-Nahr district of Hama and threw his body into the Asi River. Both Saraqibi and Abdulqadir were brought before the military prosecutor on 16 January 2012.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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to the United Nations